TB in Virginia: 2010 Update

On World TB Day*, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) releases data on tuberculosis cases in the United States. Virginia also shares its statewide data and recognizes partnerships at the local, state, national and global levels that support TB control efforts.

TB in the United States - 2010

- The US reported 11,181 TB cases for a rate of 3.6 per 100,000. This compares to 11,540 cases in 2009 for a rate of 3.8 per 100,000.
- For the second year in a row, the national TB rate is the lowest recorded rate since TB surveillance began in 1953.

TB in Virginia - 2010

- Virginia saw a decrease, reporting 268
 TB cases for a rate of 3.4 per 100,000
 in 2010. In 2009, there were 273 TB
 cases for a rate of 3.5 per 100,000.
- Foreign-born cases declined from 190 (70% of total) in 2009 to 173 (65% of total) in 2010.
- There were 101 TB cases among Asian/Pacific Islanders, accounting for 38% of total TB cases.
- TB among US-born African Americans increased for the second year in a row, from 48 cases in 2009 to 52 in 2010.
- TB among US-born Whites increased from 25 cases in 2009 to 35 in 2010.
- Almost 2/3 (65%) of Virginia's 2010 TB cases were among people age 25-64.

*March 24 is World TB Day, commemorating the date in 1882 when Robert Koch announced his discovery of Mycobacterium tuberculosis, the organism that causes TB.





